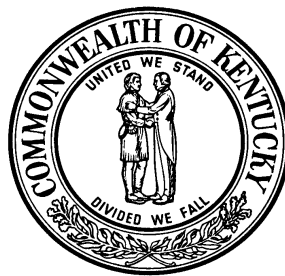


**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE  
NICHOLAS COUNTY  
FISCAL COURT**

**For The Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2015**



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The enclosed report prepared by Teddy Michael Prater, CPA, PLLC, presents the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis of Nicholas County, Kentucky, for the year ended June 30, 2015.

We engaged Teddy Michael Prater, CPA, PLLC, to perform the audit of this financial statement. We worked closely with the firm during our report review process; Teddy Michael Prater, CPA, PLLC, evaluated Nicholas County, Kentucky's internal controls and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Harmon  
Auditor of Public Accounts

Enclosure



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**AUDIT OF THE**  
**NICHOLAS COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

**June 30, 2015**

Teddy Michael Prater CPA, PLLC has completed the audit of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

We have issued an unmodified opinion, based on our audit, on the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

**Financial Condition:**

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court had total receipts of \$4,042,012 and disbursements of \$4,508,470 in fiscal year 2015. This resulted in a total ending fund balance of \$3,393,137, which is a decrease of \$417,210 from the prior year.

**Deposits:**

The fiscal court deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.



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Independent Auditor's Report

**Report on the Financial Statement**

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Nicholas County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

As described more fully in Note 1, the financial statement is prepared by the Nicholas County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

### **Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2015, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

### **Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2015, and its cash receipts and disbursements, for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government described in Note 1.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court. The budgetary comparison schedules and capital asset schedule are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement, however they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

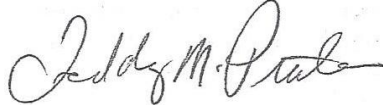
The accompanying budgetary comparison schedules and capital asset schedule are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the budgetary comparison schedules and capital asset schedule are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

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**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 13, 2016 on our consideration of Nicholas County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Nicholas County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Teddy Michael Prater CPA, PLLC

January 13, 2016

NICHOLAS COUNTY OFFICIALS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2015

**Fiscal Court Members:**

Mike Pryor	County Judge/Executive
Jeff Randolph	Magistrate
Mike Webb	Magistrate
Steve Hamilton	Magistrate
Matt Hughes	Magistrate
Kenny Holbrook	Magistrate

**Other Elected Officials:**

Dawn Letcher	County Attorney
Darren Robinson	Jailer
Martha Moss	County Clerk
Sandye Watkins	Circuit Court Clerk
Jeff Sidles	Sheriff
Michelle McDonald	Property Valuation Administrator
Kevin Hatchett	Coroner

**Appointed Personnel:**

Julie Watson	County Treasurer
Wanda Dotson	Former County Treasurer
Dana Price	Occupational Tax Administrator/ Finance Officer

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS**

**For The Year Ended June 30, 2015**

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS**

**For The Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<b>Budgeted Funds</b>		
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Road Fund</b>	<b>Jail Fund</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Taxes	\$ 660,085	\$	\$
Excess Fees	22,489		
Licenses and Permits	6,425		
Intergovernmental	149,275	1,730,855	74,115
Charges for Services	451,608	3,553	13,763
Miscellaneous	526,311	50,463	
Interest	4,402	1,988	179
Total Receipts	<u>1,820,595</u>	<u>1,786,859</u>	<u>88,057</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
General Government	634,638	18,000	
Protection to Persons and Property	615,245		210,307
General Health and Sanitation	90,979		
Social Services	46,169		
Recreation and Culture	67,500		
Roads		1,664,229	
Debt Service	46,279	38,131	
Administration	<u>423,220</u>	<u>241,598</u>	<u>12,361</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>1,924,030</u>	<u>1,961,958</u>	<u>222,668</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	<u>(103,435)</u>	<u>(175,099)</u>	<u>(134,611)</u>
<b>Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)</b>			
Gain on Sale of Investments			
Financing Obligation Proceeds		14,325	
Transfers From Other Funds	104,686		135,000
Transfers To Other Funds	<u>(189,000)</u>	<u>(90,000)</u>	
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	<u>(84,314)</u>	<u>(75,675)</u>	<u>135,000</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(187,749)	(250,774)	389
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>596,937</u>	<u>270,598</u>	<u>1,757</u>
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 409,188</u>	<u>\$ 19,824</u>	<u>\$ 2,146</u>
<b>Composition of Fund Balance</b>			
Bank Balance	\$ 203,664	\$ 20,430	\$ 2,146
Less: Outstanding Checks	(162)	(606)	
Certificates of Deposit	205,686		
Investments			
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 409,188</u>	<u>\$ 19,824</u>	<u>\$ 2,146</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**For The Year Ended June 30, 2015**  
**(Continued)**

Budgeted Funds			Private Purpose Trust Funds		Total Funds
Landfill Fund	Phase I Tobacco Fund	Mathers Educational Fund	Knox Hospital Trust Fund	Mathers Educational Trust Fund	
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 660,085
					22,489
					6,425
	219,000				2,173,245
47,073					515,997
4,731	3,340				584,845
76	1,471	541	9,287	60,982	78,926
51,880	223,811	541	9,287	60,982	4,042,012
					652,638
					825,552
97,553					188,532
		37,899			84,068
					67,500
					1,664,229
11,628	234,662	1,748	1,963	14,361	84,410
109,181	234,662	39,647	1,963	14,361	941,541
					4,508,470
(57,301)	(10,851)	(39,106)	7,324	46,621	(466,458)
			9,298	25,625	34,923
					14,325
54,000		63,305			356,991
			(14,686)	(63,305)	(356,991)
54,000		63,305	(5,388)	(37,680)	49,248
(3,301)	(10,851)	24,199	1,936	8,941	(417,210)
8,712	56,589	31,618	373,213	2,470,923	3,810,347
\$ 5,411	\$ 45,738	\$ 55,817	\$ 375,149	\$ 2,479,864	\$ 3,393,137
\$ 5,411	\$ 71,921 (26,183)	\$ 55,817	\$	\$	\$ 359,389
					(26,951)
					205,686
			375,149	2,479,864	2,855,013
\$ 5,411	\$ 45,738	\$ 55,817	\$ 375,149	\$ 2,479,864	\$ 3,393,137

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

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**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**June 30, 2015**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Reporting Entity**

The financial statement of Nicholas County includes all budgeted and unbudgeted funds under the control of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court. Budgeted funds included within the reporting entity are those funds presented in the county's approved annual budget and reported on the quarterly reports submitted to the Department for Local Government. Unbudgeted funds may include non-fiduciary financial activities and private purpose trust funds that are within the county's control. Unbudgeted funds may also include any corporation to act as the fiscal court in the acquisition and financing of any public project which may be undertaken by the fiscal court pursuant to the provisions of Kentucky law and thus accomplish a public purpose of the fiscal court. The unbudgeted funds are not presented in the annual approved budget or in the quarterly reports submitted to the Department for Local Government.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statement is presented on a regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Government Accounting Standards Board. This basis of accounting involves the reporting of fund balances and the changes therein resulting from cash inflows (cash receipts) and cash outflows (cash disbursements) to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Department for Local Government and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

This regulatory basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because the financial statement format does not include the GAAP presentations of government-wide and fund financial statements, cash receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned and susceptible to accrual, and cash disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when incurred or subject to accrual.

Generally and except as otherwise provided by law, property taxes are assessed as of January 1, levied (mailed) November 1, due at discount November 30, due at face value December 31, delinquent January 1 following the assessment, and subject to sale ninety days following April 15.

**C. Basis of Presentation**

**Budgeted Funds**

The fiscal court reports the following budgeted funds:

General Fund - This is the primary operating fund of the fiscal court. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except where the Department for Local Government requires a separate fund or where management requires that a separate fund be used for some function.

Road Fund - This fund is for road and bridge construction and repair. The primary sources of receipts for this fund are state payments for truck license distribution, municipal road aid, and transportation grants. The Department for Local Government requires the fiscal court to maintain these receipts and disbursements separately from the General Fund.

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**June 30, 2015**  
**(Continued)**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

Jail Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for the jail expenses of the county. The primary sources of receipts for this fund are reimbursements from the state and federal government, payments from other counties for housing prisoners, and transfers from the General Fund. The Department for Local Government requires the fiscal court to maintain these receipts and disbursements separately from the General Fund.

Landfill Fund - The purpose of this fund is to account for trash collections and solid waste transfers. The primary sources of receipts for this fund are payments for trash collections, recycling income, and transfers from the General Fund. The Department for Local Government requires the fiscal court to maintain these receipts and disbursements separately from the General Fund.

Phase I Tobacco Fund - The purpose of this fund is to account for the distribution of subsidy resources from the state for qualifying farmers of tobacco funds. The Department for Local Government requires the fiscal court to maintain these receipts and disbursements separately from the General Fund.

Mathers Educational Fund - The primary purpose of this fund is to account for the distribution requirements of the Mathers Educational Trust Fund. The primary source of receipts for this fund is the income generated by the principal of the Mathers Educational Trust Fund. The Mathers Educational Trust Fund requires the fiscal court to maintain these receipts and disbursements separately from the General Fund.

**Unbudgeted Funds**

The fiscal court reports the following unbudgeted funds:

Knox Hospital Trust Fund - This fund was established to promote the general health and welfare of the people of Nicholas County, especially for the employment of a health nurse. The trust fund reports resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the county's programs.

Mathers Educational Trust Fund - This fund was established for educational expenses of Nicholas County school age children. The fiscal court awards the income generated from the principal of the trust based upon applications received, less administrative costs.

**D. Budgetary Information**

Annual budgets are adopted on a regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Government Accounting Standards Board and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer.

The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed disbursements to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Disbursements may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**June 30, 2015**  
**(Continued)**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**E. Nicholas County Elected Officials**

Kentucky law provides for election of the officials below from the geographic area constituting Nicholas County. Pursuant to state statute, these officials perform various services for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its judicial courts, the fiscal court, various cities and special districts within the county, and the board of education. In exercising these responsibilities, however, they are required to comply with state laws. Audits of their financial statements are issued separately and individually and can be obtained from their respective administrative offices. These financial statements are not required to be included in the financial statement of Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

- Circuit Court Clerk
- County Attorney
- Property Valuation Administrator
- County Clerk
- County Sheriff

**F. Deposits and Investments**

The government's fund balance is considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. The government's fund balance includes cash and cash equivalents and investments.

KRS 66.480 authorizes the county to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

**G. Long-term Obligations**

The fund financial statement recognizes bond interest, as well as bond issuance costs when received or when paid, during the current period. The principal amount of the debt and interest are reported as disbursements. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as disbursements. Debt proceeds are reported as other adjustments to cash.

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**June 30, 2015**  
**(Continued)**

**Note 2. Deposits and Investments**

**A. Deposits**

The fiscal court maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the fiscal court and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met.

**Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the fiscal court's deposits may not be returned. The fiscal court does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk, but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of June 30, 2015, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

**B. Investments**

**Interest Rate Risk**

The fiscal court does not have a formal investment policy that limits its investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to losses arising from changes in interest rates.

**Credit Risk**

KRS 66.480 limits the fiscal court's investment in the following: obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations subject to repurchase agreements, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the United States or its agencies and obligations of any corporation of the United States Government. Certificates of Deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or similar entity. Uncollateralized certificates of deposit issued by any bank or savings and loan institution rated in one of the three highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency. Banker's acceptances for banks rate in one of the three highest categories by a nationally recognized rating agency. Commercial paper rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized rating agency. Bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state and of its agencies and instrumentalities. Securities issued by a state or local government, or any instrumentality of agency thereof, in the United States and rated in one of the three highest outlined in the statute shall be eligible investments. Also, the fiscal court is limited to investing no more than 20% in any one of four specifically named investments as allowed by KRS 66.480. The fiscal court had no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. All investments of the fiscal court are reported in the Private Purpose Trust Funds and are maintained by third-party trustees bound by legal restrictions established by the trusts.

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**June 30, 2015**  
**(Continued)**

**Note 2. Deposits and Investments (Continued)**

**B. Investments (Continued)**

**Custodial Credit Risk**

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the fiscal court will not be able to recover the value of its investments held in the possession of an outside party. The fiscal court does not have an investment policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2015, the fiscal court's investments, held in the Private Purpose Trust Funds, were insured or registered or the securities were held by the fiscal court's agent in the fiscal court's name.

Type of Investments	Carrying Amount	Market Value	Concentration
Equities in Mutual Funds	\$ 1,412,718	\$ 1,613,770	0.54
Equities in Common Stocks	512,612	710,876	0.20
Fixed Income in Bond Funds	691,644	698,627	0.26
Totals	<u>\$ 2,616,974</u>	<u>\$ 3,023,273</u>	<u>1.00</u>

The following chart shows current cash and investments for the Private Purpose Trust Funds.

Cash and Investment Summary	Current Cash And Investments
Knox Hospital Trust Fund	\$ 375,149
Mathers Educational Trust Fund	2,479,864
Total	<u>\$ 2,855,013</u>

**Note 3. Transfers**

The table below shows the interfund operating transfers for fiscal year 2015.

	General Fund	Road Fund	Knox Hospital Trust Fund	Mathers Educational Trust Fund	Total Transfers In
General Fund	\$	\$ 90,000	\$ 14,686	\$	\$ 104,686
Jail Fund	135,000				135,000
Landfill Fund	54,000				54,000
Mathers Educational Fund				63,305	63,305
Total Transfers Out	<u>\$ 189,000</u>	<u>\$ 90,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,686</u>	<u>\$ 63,305</u>	<u>\$ 356,991</u>

Reason for transfers:

To move resources from and to the General Fund and other funds, for budgetary purposes, to the funds that will expend them.

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**June 30, 2015**  
**(Continued)**

**Note 4. Private Purpose Trust Funds**

Private-purpose trust funds, are used to report all trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

The fiscal court has the following private purpose trust funds:

Knox Hospital Trust Fund - This fund was established to promote the general health and welfare of the people of Nicholas County, especially for the employment of a health nurse. The trust fund reports resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, not principal, may be used for purposes that support the county's programs. The trust fund is maintained by a third-party trustee who determines the investment portfolio of the fund and accounts for the investment earnings. The balance in the Knox Hospital Trust Fund as of June 30, 2015 was \$375,149.

Mathers Educational Trust Fund - This fund was established for educational expenses of Nicholas County school age children. The fiscal court awards the income generated from the principal of the trust based upon applications received, less administrative costs. The trust fund is maintained by a third-party trustee who determines the investment portfolio of the fund and accounts for the investment earnings. The balance in the Mathers Educational Trust Fund as of June 30, 2015 was \$2,479,864.

**Note 5. Short-term Debt**

**A. Financing Obligation - Chiller**

On December 12, 2013, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court entered into a lease agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties in the amount of \$49,412 for a chiller to be paid in full on December 20, 2014. The agreement required variable monthly payments for 12 months with an interest rate of 3.72%. This debt was paid in full in fiscal year 2015.

**B. Changes In Short-term Debt**

Short-term Debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2015, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance*	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Financing Obligation	\$ 24,409	\$	\$ 24,409	\$	\$
Total Short-term Debt	\$ 24,409	\$ 0	\$ 24,409	\$ 0	\$ 0

\* - The beginning balance has been restated to agree with the lease agreement's amortization schedule and the confirmation of short-term debt as of June 30, 2014.

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**June 30, 2015**  
**(Continued)**

**Note 6. Long-term Debt**

**A. Financing Obligation – Tractor/Mower**

On November 3, 2011, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court entered into a lease agreement for \$87,000, with the Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust Program, for a tractor/mower. Interest payments are due monthly and are calculated annually based on the outstanding principal, variable interest rate, and associated fees. Principal payments began on November 20, 2011. The lease is to be paid in full on October 20, 2016. The lease balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$24,213. Future principal and interest requirements are:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2016	\$ 18,088	\$ 729
2017	6,125	59
Totals	<u>\$ 24,213</u>	<u>\$ 788</u>

**B. Financing Obligation - Ambulance**

On April 9, 2013, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court entered into a \$38,068 lease agreement, for an ambulance, with the Kentucky Association of Counties. Interest payments are due monthly and are calculated annually based on the outstanding principal, variable interest rate, and associated fees. Principal payments began on May 20, 2013. The lease is to be paid in full on April 20, 2016. The lease balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$10,851. Future principal and interest requirements are:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2016	\$ 10,851	\$ 229
Totals	<u>\$ 10,851</u>	<u>\$ 229</u>

**C. Financing Obligation - Truck**

On November 26, 2013, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court entered into a lease agreement, with the Kentucky Association of Counties, in the amount of \$52,523 for a truck. The agreement requires variable monthly payments for 36 months with an interest rate of 3.75%. The lease is to be paid in full on November 20, 2016. The lease balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$25,247. Future principal and interest requirements are:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2016	\$ 17,738	\$ 784
2017	7,509	86
Totals	<u>\$ 25,247</u>	<u>\$ 870</u>

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**June 30, 2015**  
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**Note 6. Long-term Debt (Continued)**

**D. Financing Obligation – Dump Truck**

On June 5, 2015, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court entered into a lease agreement, with the Kentucky Association of Counties in the amount of \$14,325, for a dump truck to be paid in full on June 20, 2018. The agreement requires fixed monthly payments for 36 months with an interest rate of 3.25%. The lease balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$14,325. Future principal and interest requirements are:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 4,553	\$ 471
2017	4,834	191
2018	4,938	87
Totals	<u>\$ 14,325</u>	<u>\$ 749</u>

**E. Financing Program Revenue Bonds, Series 2013**

On May 22, 2013, the Nicholas County Fiscal Court issued \$135,000 of Financing Program Revenue Bonds, Series 2013, for the purpose of financing a building improvement for the hospital. Interest payments are due monthly and are calculated annually based on outstanding principal, fixed interest rate, and associated fees. The bond will mature on January 20, 2028. The outstanding balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$123,334. Future principal and interest requirements are:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,950
2017	10,000	3,514
2018	10,000	3,289
2019	10,000	3,064
2020	10,000	2,839
2021-2025	50,000	10,582
2026-2028	25,834	2,729
Totals	<u>\$ 123,334</u>	<u>\$ 29,967</u>



**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**June 30, 2015**  
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**Note 6. Long-term Debt (Continued)**

**F. Changes In Long-term Debt**

Long-term Debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2015, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Revenue Bonds	\$ 127,917	\$	\$ 4,583	\$ 123,334	\$ 7,500
Financing Obligations	108,076	14,325	47,765	74,636	51,230
Total Long-term Debt	<u>\$ 235,993</u>	<u>\$ 14,325</u>	<u>\$ 52,348</u>	<u>\$ 197,970</u>	<u>\$ 58,730</u>

**Note 7. Employee Retirement System**

**A. Plan Description**

The fiscal court has elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all eligible regular full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute.

Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute five percent of their salary to the plan. Nonhazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 are required to contribute six percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 17.67 percent.

In accordance with Senate Bill 2, signed by the Governor on April 4, 2013, plan members who began participating on, or after, January 1, 2014, were required to contribute to the Cash Balance Plan. The Cash Balance Plan is known as a hybrid plan because it has characteristics of both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Members in the plan contribute a set percentage of their salary each month to their own account. Members contribute five percent (nonhazardous) of their annual creditable compensation and one percent to the health insurance fund which is not credited to the member's account and is not refundable. The employer contribution rate is set annually by the Board based on an actuarial valuation. The employer contributes a set percentage of the member's salary. Each month, when employer contributions are received, an employer pay credit is deposited to the member's account. A member's account is credited with a four percent (nonhazardous) employer pay credit. The employer pay credit represents a portion of the employer contribution.

The county's contribution for FY 2013 was \$129,030, FY 2014 was \$145,126, and FY 2015 was \$175,493.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Nonhazardous employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 must meet the rule of 87 (member's age plus years of service credit must equal 87, and the member must be a minimum of 57 years of age) or the member is age 65, with a minimum of 60 months service credit.

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**Note 7. Employee Retirement System (Continued)**

CERS also provides post-retirement health care coverage as follows:

For members participating prior to July 1, 2003, years of service and respective percentages of the maximum contribution are as follows:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>% paid by Insurance Fund</b>	<b>% Paid by Member through Payroll Deduction</b>
20 or more	100%	0%
15-19	75%	25%
10-14	50%	50%
4-9	25%	75%
Less than 4	0%	100%

As a result of House Bill 290 (2004 General Assembly), medical insurance benefits are calculated differently for members who began participation on or after July 1, 2003. Once members reach a minimum vesting period of ten years, non-hazardous employees whose participation began on or after July 1, 2003, earn ten dollars per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount.

The Kentucky Retirement Systems issues a publicly available annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information on CERS. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

**B. Net Pension Liability**

As promulgated by GASB Statement No. 68 the total pension liability for CERS was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014. The total net pension liability for all employers participating in CERS was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2014, measured as of the same date and is as follows: non-hazardous \$3,244,377,000 and hazardous \$1,201,825,000, for a total net pension liability of \$4,446,202,000 as of June 30, 2014. Based on these requirements, Nicholas County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2015 is:

	<u>June 30, 2014</u>	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
Non-Hazardous	<u>\$ 1,398,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,236,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,398,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,236,000</u>

Nicholas County Fiscal Court does not participate in and therefore has no liability of the CERS hazardous duty pension plan. The complete actuarial valuation report including all actuarial assumptions and methods is publicly available on the website at [www.kyret.ky.gov](http://www.kyret.ky.gov) or can be obtained as described in the paragraph above.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
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**Note 8. Deferred Compensation**

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court allows all eligible employees to participate in deferred compensation plans administered by the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority. The Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority is authorized under KRS 18A.230 to 18A.275 to provide administration of tax sheltered supplemental retirement plans for all state, public school and university employees and employees of local political subdivisions that have elected to participate.

These deferred compensation plans permits all full time employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. Participation by eligible employees in the deferred compensation plans is voluntary.

Historical trend information showing the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority's annual financial report. This report may be obtained by writing Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority at 101 Sea Hero Road, Suite 110, Frankfort, KY 40601-8862, or by telephone at (502) 573-7925.

**Note 9. Insurance**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, Nicholas County was a member of the Kentucky Association of Counties' All Lines Fund (KALF). KALF is a self-insurance fund and was organized to obtain lower cost coverage for general liability, property damage, public officials' errors and omissions, public liability, and other damages. The basic nature of a self-insurance program is that of a collectively shared risk by its members. If losses incurred for covered claims exceed the resources contributed by the members, the members are responsible for payment of the excess losses.

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**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**  
**Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis**

**For The Year Ended June 30, 2015**



**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**  
**Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis**

**For The Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Taxes	\$ 580,000	\$ 587,417	\$ 660,085	\$ 72,668
Excess Fees		21,852	22,489	637
Licenses and Permits	5,300	6,024	6,425	401
Intergovernmental	69,682	106,668	149,275	42,607
Charges for Services	404,500	415,830	451,608	35,778
Miscellaneous	223,600	517,762	526,311	8,549
Interest	9,200	14,020	4,402	(9,618)
Total Receipts	1,292,282	1,669,573	1,820,595	151,022
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
General Government	426,634	694,521	634,638	59,883
Protection to Persons and Property	386,457	625,083	615,245	9,838
General Health and Sanitation	35,800	99,617	90,979	8,638
Social Services	71,000	72,500	46,169	26,331
Recreation and Culture	67,320	68,820	67,500	1,320
Debt Service	80,000	80,000	46,279	33,721
Administration	360,668	458,142	423,220	34,922
Total Disbursements	1,427,879	2,098,683	1,924,030	174,653
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(135,597)	(429,110)	(103,435)	325,675
<b>Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)</b>				
Transfers From Other Funds	120,000	120,000	104,686	(15,314)
Transfers To Other Funds	(224,403)	(224,403)	(189,000)	35,403
Borrowed Money	40,000	40,000		(40,000)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(64,403)	(64,403)	(84,314)	(19,911)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(200,000)	(493,513)	(187,749)	305,764
Fund Balance - Beginning	200,000	596,520	596,937	417
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 103,007	\$ 409,188	\$ 306,181

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**  
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<b>ROAD FUND</b>				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 984,406	\$ 1,754,344	\$ 1,730,855	\$ (23,489)
Charges for Services	3,000	3,000	3,553	553
Miscellaneous	7,000	23,632	50,463	26,831
Interest	3,000	3,000	1,988	(1,012)
Total Receipts	997,406	1,783,976	1,786,859	2,883
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
General Government	18,000	18,000	18,000	
Roads	658,700	1,653,042	1,649,904	3,138
Debt Service	40,000	40,000	38,131	1,869
Administration	415,706	243,466	241,598	1,868
Total Disbursements	1,132,406	1,954,508	1,947,633	6,875
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(135,000)	(170,532)	(160,774)	9,758
<b>Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)</b>				
Transfers To Other Funds	(120,000)	(120,000)	(90,000)	30,000
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(120,000)	(120,000)	(90,000)	30,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(255,000)	(290,532)	(250,774)	39,758
Fund Balance - Beginning	255,000	270,598	270,598	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ (19,934)	\$ 19,824	\$ 39,758



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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**  
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<b>JAIL FUND</b>				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 77,328	\$ 77,328	\$ 74,115	\$ (3,213)
Charges for Services	11,200	11,200	13,763	2,563
Interest	200	200	179	(21)
Total Receipts	88,728	88,728	88,057	(671)
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Protection to Persons and Property	220,342	219,864	210,307	9,557
Administration	13,419	13,897	12,361	1,536
Total Disbursements	233,761	233,761	222,668	11,093
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(145,033)	(145,033)	(134,611)	10,422
<b>Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)</b>				
Transfers From Other Funds	143,033	143,033	135,000	(8,033)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	143,033	143,033	135,000	(8,033)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(2,000)	(2,000)	389	2,389
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,000	2,000	1,757	(243)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,146	\$ 2,146

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**  
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<b>LANDFILL FUND</b>				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Charges for Services	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 47,073	\$ 5,073
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	4,731	731
Interest	130	130	76	(54)
Total Receipts	46,130	46,130	51,880	5,750
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
General Health and Sanitation	115,000	119,058	97,553	21,505
Administration	14,500	17,154	11,628	5,526
Total Disbursements	129,500	136,212	109,181	27,031
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(83,370)	(90,082)	(57,301)	32,781
<b>Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)</b>				
Transfers From Other Funds	81,370	81,370	54,000	(27,370)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	81,370	81,370	54,000	(27,370)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(2,000)	(8,712)	(3,301)	5,411
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,000	8,712	8,712	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,411	\$ 5,411

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**  
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<b>PHASE I TOBACCO FUND</b>				
	<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>		<b>Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</b>
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Final</b>		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 219,000	\$ 124,000
Miscellaneous			3,340	3,340
Interest	1,000	1,000	1,471	471
Total Receipts	96,000	96,000	223,811	127,811
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Administration	110,359	235,663	234,662	1,001
Total Disbursements	110,359	235,663	234,662	1,001
Net Change in Fund Balance	(14,359)	(139,663)	(10,851)	128,812
Fund Balance - Beginning	14,359	56,589	56,589	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ (83,074)	\$ 45,738	\$ 128,812

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**  
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<b>MATHERS EDUCATIONAL FUND</b>				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Interest	\$ 63,604	\$ 63,604	\$ 541	\$ (63,063)
Total Receipts	63,604	63,604	541	(63,063)
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Social Services	91,004	91,004	37,899	53,105
Administration	2,600	4,218	1,748	2,470
Total Disbursements	93,604	95,222	39,647	55,575
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(30,000)	(31,618)	(39,106)	(7,488)
<b>Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)</b>				
Transfers From Other Funds			63,305	63,305
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			63,305	63,305
Net Change in Fund Balance	(30,000)	(31,618)	24,199	55,817
Fund Balance - Beginning	30,000	31,618	31,618	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 55,817	\$ 55,817

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO REGULATORY SUPPLEMENTARY**  
**INFORMATION - BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**

**June 30, 2015**

**Note 1. Budgetary Information**

Annual budgets are adopted on a regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Government Accounting Standards Board and according to the laws of Kentucky as required by the State Local Finance Officer.

The County Judge/Executive is required to submit estimated receipts and proposed disbursements to the fiscal court by May 1 of each year. The budget is prepared by fund, function, and activity and is required to be adopted by the fiscal court by July 1.

The fiscal court may change the original budget by transferring appropriations at the activity level; however, the fiscal court may not increase the total budget without approval by the State Local Finance Officer. Disbursements may not exceed budgeted appropriations at the activity level.

**Note 2. Reconciliation of the Road Fund**

Total Disbursements - Budgetary Basis	\$ 1,947,633
To Adjust for Capital Outlay of Financing Obligation	
Proceeds Not Budgeted	<u>14,325</u>
Total Disbursements - Regulatory Basis	<u><u>\$ 1,961,958</u></u>
 Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) - Budgetary Basis	 \$ (90,000)
To Adjust for Financing Obligation Proceeds Not Budgeted	<u>14,325</u>
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses) - Regulatory Basis	<u><u>\$ (75,675)</u></u>

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**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE**  
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**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS**  
**Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis**

**For The Year Ended June 30, 2015**

The fiscal court reports the following schedule of capital assets:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 264,121	\$	\$	\$ 264,121
Construction In Progress	32,671	58,858		91,529
Buildings	2,505,584			2,505,584
Vehicles	630,269	97,695		727,964
Equipment	767,133			767,133
Infrastructure	4,115,881	944,219		5,060,100
 Total Capital Assets	 <u>\$ 8,315,659</u>	 <u>\$ 1,100,772</u>	 <u>\$ 0</u>	 <u>\$ 9,416,431</u>

**NICHOLAS COUNTY**  
**NOTES TO REGULATORY SUPPLEMENTARY**  
**INFORMATION - SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS**

**June 30, 2015**

**Note 1. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, furniture and office equipment, building improvements, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure assets (roads and bridges) that have a useful life of more than one reporting period based on the government's capitalization policy, are reported as other information. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost when purchased or constructed.

	Capitalization Threshold	Useful Life (Years)
Land Improvements	\$ 25,000	10 - 60
Buildings	\$ 50,000	10 - 100
Building Improvements	\$ 25,000	10 - 100
Vehicles	\$ 5,000	2 - 10
Equipment	\$ 5,000	2 - 10
Infrastructure	\$ 25,000	5 - 50

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND  
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***



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The Honorable Mike Pryor, Nicholas County Judge/Executive  
Members of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court

**Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And  
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

**Independent Auditor's Report**

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Nicholas County Fiscal Court's financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated January 13, 2016.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Nicholas County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Nicholas County Fiscal Court's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting  
And On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*  
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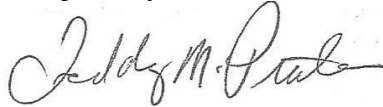
**Compliance And Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Nicholas County Fiscal Court's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teddy M. Prater", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Teddy Michael Prater CPA, PLLC

January 13, 2016

